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TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL REPORT NARRATIVE

From: Marcella R. Reyes, Tribal Council Treasurer

Date: January 27th – January 28th, 2016

Re: Reservation Restoration / Washington, DC

On January 27th, 2016 I traveled from Pellston, MI to Washington DC along with Tribal Council Secretary, Aaron W. Otto and Legislative Services Attorney, Donna Budnick. Our travel was uneventful and we landed a few minutes after our scheduled arrival time.

Once on the ground the impact of the prior weekend's snowstorm to the DC area was obvious with long traffic delays as front loaders and dump trucks scrambled to remove the huge and rare mountains of plowed snow. Our cab driver informed us during one of our waits that the public schools in Virginia had been closed all week and would not reopen until the following Monday.

Our meeting with Acting Assistant Secretary, Larry Roberts was scheduled for 10:30am the following day, Thursday, January 28th, 2016. There was some concern that our meeting would be rescheduled or possibly cancelled as the news and radio were reporting a delayed start for all Federal offices.

The next morning, Thursday, January 26th we met with Andrew Adams III, Bill Szotkowski and Jessica Intermill of Hogen Adams and Jim Bransky at our hotel and discussed the day ahead. After communication between Andrew Adams III and the scheduler for Larry Roberts it was confirmed that our meeting would take place as scheduled.

Our meeting with Acting Assistant Secretary, Larry Roberts started a little late. Field Solicitor,

Jody Cummings joined our meeting. The meeting was informative and helpful.

Following the meeting our party of seven met with LTBB lobbyist Lydia Hofer over lunch at Farmers Fishers and Bakers, a farm-inspired American fare restaurant nestled in sleek, eco-chic digs with river views.

After lunch we returned to the hotel to gather our suitcases and carpool back to the airport as all our flights were departing sometime that afternoon. Our party of seven quickly became a party of six once arriving at the airport as General Counsel Bransky was departing on a different airline.

The next few hours waiting around in the airport provided our group ample opportunity to discuss the meeting and our feelings on how things went.

The return trip home was uneventful and I arrived safely at home just before midnight on Thursday, January 28th, 2016.

Miigwech for allowing me the opportunity to represent LTBB in our Reservation Boundary Litigation.

